

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, January 19, 1988 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WLOS TV & WYFF TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, George Allgood - WGOG Radio & Cindy Landrum - Anderson Independent.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Mr. Butts.

Invocation

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 5, 1988 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes
1/5/88

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting of December 22, 1987 be adopted as printed.

Minutes
12/22/87

Mr. George McDaniel & Ms. Brenda Workman of COG addressed Council concerning the audit study they had conducted of the Assessor's Office. Mr. McDaniel stated that in conducting this study they had interviewed all persons involved with the Assessor's Office including personnel in the Assessor's Office, Auditor's Office, Tax Collector's Office, Treasurer's Office, Mr. Crain, Dr. Earle and the Personnel Office.

COG Report

Mr. McDaniel stated they had conducted many of these types of studies. Mr. McDaniel stated that had observed how the data in the office is handled, they had been in the Assessor's Office on thirteen (13) different days and they had observed the employees of the office.

Mr. McDaniel also stated the appraisers spent too much of their time doing clerical work and that a lot of the paper work is lost while information is being processed as well as unnecessary duplication.

After some discussion Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the report further in regard to personnel involved.

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council he had spoken with the hospital attorney and the hospital board would not discuss a public election of the board members of the hospital, however they were willing to discuss revamping the board so that each council district would be represented.

Hospital
Report

Dr. Earle was to schedule the meeting with the hospital board.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$349.00 plus tax be taken from contingency to replace three (3) chairs in the Tax Collector's Office.

Tax Collector
(Contingency)

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 1 that Resolution 88-1, "A Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of Resolution 86-9, Assistance Agreement for Jacob's Manufacturing Co. (Chicago Pneumatic) from \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-1

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 88-1, "An Ordinance to Provide for Noise Control in the Unincorporated Areas of Oconee County" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 88-1

After considerable discussion as to whether Council had the authority to regulate noise control, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, defeated 3 - 2 (Mr. Harper, Dr. Earle, & Mr. Williams, voting against, Mr. Butts & Mr. Dyar voting for) that the motion be tabled and referred to committee.

Dr. Earle than made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Butts voting against) to amend his original motion to include requesting the Delegation to amend Home Rule giving counties the authority to enact noise control ordinances.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the County Attorney negotiate with the owner to purchase the property next to the Law Enforcement Center at a reasonable cost and to deny the requested right of way across county property next to this property.

Property
Next to LEC

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. David Boggs be appointed to the Rural Fire with his term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1989.

Commission
Appointments

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Sam Towe be reappointed to the Rural Fire Commission with his term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1991 and Mr. Ernie Lombard be reappointed to the PRT Commission with his term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1991.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Williams out of room) that a 1982 Chevrolet truck confiscated by the Sheriff's Department be assigned to the Animal Shelter and the attached request for gas, oil, etc. be approved.

Truck for
Animal
Shelter

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$92,515 be taken from contingency for the purchase of eight (8) new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department with these funds being replaced during supplemental appropriation.

Vehicles for
Sheriff's
Vehicles

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the airport property be posted to prohibit the trapping of animals on this property.

Airport
Property

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that \$6,080 be taken from contingency to have enough funds to purchase a four wheel vehicle and radio for the road department and \$3,000 be taken from contingency to purchase a cab for a motor grader for the road department with these funds being replaced during supplemental appropriation.

Supervisor
(Contingency)

Mr. Walt Purcell, Emergency Preparedness Director, expressed his appreciation to everyone, especially the National Guard for the assistance provided during the recent snow fall.

EMS

At the request of Mr. Purcell, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar out of room) that the employee ID cards be for an indefinite time rather than a one year period.

Council went into executive session at this time.

Executive
Session
Open Session

When Council resumed open session, Dr. Earle, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated Council had reviewed the report from COG and listened to two employees from the Assessor's Office, the Committee will now compile the information and make a recommendation concerning the matter at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. C. D. (Dubby) Robinson be appointed to the Aeronautics Commission with his term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1991.

Aeronautics
Commission

Adjourn: 7:05 PM

Norman W. Crain / og
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

OCONEE COUNTY MOTOR POOL

LEE DAVIS
Shop Foreman

County Mailroom
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Telephone
(803)638-4145

TO: Norman Crain
FROM: Lee Davis
DATE: January 15, 1988

Listed below is the cost estimate on a vehicle for the Animal Shelter as per your request.

Estimated Vehicle Cost
Animal Shelter
(January 15, 1988 - June 30, 1988)

Gasoline:	15,000 miles (14 mpg. @ .85/gal.)	\$1,000.00
Tires:	4 @ \$50.00 ea.	200.00
Oil:	approximately 3 changes	25.00
Grease:	average	15.00
Anti-freeze:	average	6.00

NOTE: The balance shown in the current budget under vehicle maintenance account # 010-012-00200-02011 should be sufficient for the remaining of this fiscal year.

Madge H. Robinson
Oconee County Tax Collector
P.O. Box 494
Walhalla, SC 29691
Phone (803) 638-4147

Marcia E. Miller
Account Clerk II

Mona D. Towe
Account Clerk I

January 11, 1988

Norman Crain, Chairman
Oconee County Council
Walhalla, S C 29691

Re: Purchase of office furniture, Tax Collector's office.

Mr. Crain,

This is to request the replacement of the chairs in the Tax Collector's office. Although there has been several attempts to repair the rollers on these chairs, it has been to no avail. We were told that because of the method of construction, the rollers cannot be welded in place, neither can they be replaced with new rollers. In effect these chairs cannot be repaired. The non-functioning rollers cause the chairs to be difficult to adjust properly, they lean uncomfortably to one side, and create additional physical discomfort because they have to be either 'pushed' or 'pulled' in order to perform routine office tasks that require us to change positions at our desks. One of these chairs has been in this office for approximately fifteen (15) years.

I checked with different suppliers and Alexander's Office Supply was the only supplier willing to give a written statement of the cost to the County. Their price was approximately \$100.00 less than the others.

Since this is a capital expenditure, I hope you will take from contingency funds the money for the following:

2 Global chairs			
#1524	regular price	181.38	
	our price	94.90 each	total price 189.80 plus tax
1 Hon chair			
#847 G.P.	regular price	307.00	
	our price	159.00	total price 159.00 plus tax

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Madge H. Robinson

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Tax Collector

MHR/mem



OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 17, 1987

Mr. Norman D. Crain, Supervisor
Oconee County Council
County Mail Room
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Mr. Crain:

Please accept this as written notice of Oconee Memorial Hospital Association exercising its option to renew its lease as provided by paragraph (3) of the agreement dated June 29, 1959 between the County of Oconee and Oconee Memorial Hospital Association.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

W. H. Hudson
President

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OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

CHURCH STREET
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691

EARL HOLCOMBE, SHERIFF

January 18, 1988

Norman Crain
Supervisor-Chairman County Council
County Mail Room
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Norman:

I regret to inform you that we apparently lost another patrol car due to an accident. The officer hit an ice spot Sunday morning the 17th near Fair Play, it appears the car is a total lost. I am requesting that the vehicle be replaced.

Also I was informed this date that the cut off date for ordering vehicles through State Purchasing this year is February 15, 1988, that gives us approximately four weeks from today to get our order in for this year. I have conferred with Lee Davis of the motor pool this date and he assures me that he will have us a list of the vehicles with over 150,000 miles to be replaced.

Thank you for your corporation with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Earl Holcombe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Earl Holcombe
Sheriff
Oconee County Sheriff's Dept.

EH:vb

cc:all county council members